

and dedicated physicians, Dr. Elbert W. Sutton. After 43 years of faithful service to the Northwest Florida community, the past 24 years of which he has served as Director of the Santa Rosa County Health Department, Dr. Sutton will step down from his position in June of this year and begin his much deserved and well earned retirement.

A longtime resident of Milton, Florida, Dr. Sutton attended the University of Alabama as an undergraduate and subsequently received his medical degree from Tulane University in 1958. In 1960, he came to our community and opened a general private practice office. He kept this practice for 19 years until 1979, when he was appointed Director of the Santa Rosa County Health Department.

Over the course of his remarkable career, Dr. Sutton has continuously remained focused on helping to heal and improve the lives of area residents. In 1978, he was a partner in opening the Rehabilitation Institute of West Florida and I am proud to say that it remains operating today as part of the West Florida Hospital system. In 1986, Dr. Sutton joined forces again with other local healthcare professionals and created the Medical Assistance Clinic in Milton. This clinic provided medical care, to those who were unable to afford it, for 12 years until it was forced to close by rising medical costs. Finally, just two years ago, in 2001, Dr. Sutton helped create the Santa Rosa Community Clinic to provide primary healthcare services to residents in the surrounding community.

Upon his retirement, Dr. Sutton says it will be the people that he will miss most, both those he has helped serve and those he has worked with. I feel confident in saying that it is the people of Northwest Florida that will miss him more.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere and heartfelt congratulations to my good friend Dr. Elbert W. Sutton on his retirement from the Santa Rosa County Health Department. Very rarely does an individual have such a profound impact on a single community as Dr. Sutton has had on the First District of Florida. For the past 43 years, he has dedicated himself towards helping the residents of Northwest Florida and for that we will be forever grateful. Mr. Speaker, on this occasion we honor one of America's greatest public servants.

COMMEMORATING DUNNELLON'S BOOMTOWN DAYS

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate "Boomtown" days in Dunnellon in my Fifth Congressional District of Florida.

This festival is held each year in Dunnellon to celebrate the history behind how the city of Dunnellon came to be.

Mr. Speaker, the story of how Dunnellon came to be is an interesting one, but not atypical of a town formed in the late 1880's in this country.

Dunnellon was created in 1887 and then saw its population boom in 1889 after phosphate was discovered there. The mining in-

dusty then "boomed" in the town and was responsible for the town's rapid growth and prosperity. Dunnellon was then dubbed a "Boomtown."

Each year, the city celebrates its heritage with a festival offering fun activities, contests, and parades for the people of Dunnellon.

This weekend, the residents of the city will carry on the tradition of celebrating "Boomtown days." I wish them the best and am proud to honor them in this Chamber today.

IN HONOR OF KALPANA CHAWLA

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Co-Chairs of the India Caucus, my colleagues JOE CROWLEY and JOE WILSON, for holding a memorial today in the House of Representatives for Dr. Kalpana Chawla.

It is with great sadness that we remember the tragic events of February 1, 2003. The loss of seven astronauts on board the shuttle *Columbia* leaves us with profound sadness that cannot be expressed.

Dr. Kalpana Chawla in particular represented much of the best that our world has to offer and I would like to pay special tribute to her. Kalpana grew up in India and although she came from a small, rural area—her charm, drive and dedication allowed her to surpass all boundaries and develop into the fine astronaut that she was.

In reading interviews that Kalpana gave both before and during her mission on *Columbia*, a portrait emerged of an intelligent, determined woman, who managed a successful career, while at the same time being a devoted daughter and wife. She helped open the door further for women in science and space exploration careers, and I know the people of India, as all of us here today, will always hold a special place in our heart for Kalpana. Those who were fortunate to know her personally will never forget her, and her legacy will live on.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT TO REQUEST FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER TO ASSIST THE ORHA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a Concurrent Resolution designed to meet the most important promise we made to the people of Iraq—a promise to help them become self-governing.

Rebuilding Iraq will be a daunting undertaking. The Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance has been established in Baghdad, and its leader, retired General Jay Garner, is responsible for coordinating humanitarian assistance, restoring the nation's infrastructure, and establishing an interim government.

The ORHA is made up of retired generals and diplomats, government technocrats, and

oil executives. Efforts to establish and maintain civilian stability and coordinate humanitarian assistance will monopolize the ORHA for some time to come; tasks that would be daunting enough if they had inherited an intact bureaucracy and police force. But the ORHA's biggest stumbling block may turn out to be that none of its members have any experience in forging cooperation amongst radically differing political, religious, and ethnic factions to facilitate even the beginnings of a self-governing nation.

Iraq is the test case for our peacekeeping, nation building and humanitarian policies and success will demonstrate, to ourselves, and the rest of the world, that we can both win wars and transform societies. The three post-war initiatives of providing humanitarian assistance, restoring infrastructure, and establishing an interim government, must commence and progress simultaneously.

The Resolution I introduce today calls on the President to request former President Jimmy Carter and members of the Carter Center to assist the ORHA in establishing an interim government in Iraq. Former President Carter is uniquely qualified to forge a peaceful, cooperative structure among Iraq's political, religious, and ethnic factions. He has dedicated himself to resolving conflicts and enhancing freedom and democracy throughout the world.

Regardless of our opinions on the invasion of Iraq, we must keep the promises we made to the Iraqi people. U.S. and allied soldiers, civilians, and diplomats remain committed to what is certainly the most critical phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this Resolution to ensure they have all the experience and expertise available to help ensure their success.

HONORING BURCH OIL COMPANY: 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Burch Oil Company, an excellent example of successful American entrepreneurship that has evolved to become a pillar of a local community. I am proud to recognize my good friends at Burch Oil Company who have been serving the citizens of Southern Maryland since 1928 and are celebrating their seventy-fifth anniversary this month. Whether it has been supplying the services of vital oil resources or helping to serve the community, the Burch Oil Company has built a solid reputation within the Southern Maryland community.

Founded in May of 1928, by cousins S. Bernard Burch, Thaddeus Burch, and Thaddeus' son Joe Burch, the company quickly began to service the community's gasoline, motor oil, and, most important to the area at the time, kerosene needs. With the onset of the Great Depression many businesses failed, but Burch Oil was able to steadily grow.

From the beginning of the company, the Burch family took an active role in the community. S. Bernard Burch served as the chairman for the Democratic State Central Committee and helped to establish the Mechanicsville